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RESOLUTION # 2007-07

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NEED TO REASSESS REAL PROPERTY IN PIKE COUNTY, INDIANA AS OF MARCH 1, 2006

WHEREAS, the Department of Local Government Finance (Department) is charged with maintaining a just and equitable valuation of real property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department finds the accurate assessment of real property to be an indispensable requirement for a fair and equitable system of property taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Department has adopted 50 IAC 21, an administrative rule that requires the annual adjustment of all property values in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-4.5 beginning with the March 1, 2006 assessment; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Pike County Assessor indicated that assessments on residential property in Logan Township were regressive or progressive, specifically:

- a) Unimproved residential property assessments in Logan Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment uniformity required by 50 IAC 21; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Pike County Assessor indicated that assessments on commercial property in Lockhart Township were inaccurate or inequitable, specifically:

- a) Unimproved commercial property assessments in Lockhart Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment accuracy required by 50 IAC 21; and
- b) Sixteen sales were reported for Improved Commercial property county-wide and four sales were reported for Unimproved Commercial property county-wide. It is unknown if other information, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Pike County Assessor indicated that zero sales were reported for Improved Industrial property county-wide and zero sales were reported for Unimproved Industrial property county-wide. It is unknown if other information, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide analysis of gross assessed values on all classes of industrial parcels revealed that seventy-one percent (71%) of these parcels had no change or a decline in assessed values from the 2005 assessment year to the 2006 assessment year; and

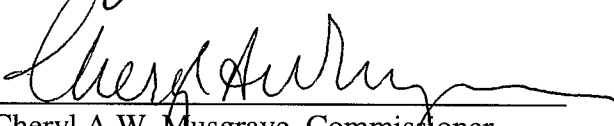
WHEREAS, a county-wide analysis of gross assessed values on all classes of commercial parcels revealed that eighty-eight percent (88%) of these parcels had no change or a decline in assessed values from the 2005 assessment year to the 2006 assessment year; and

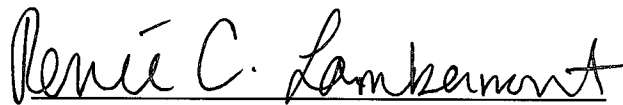
WHEREAS, upon review of all available data, the Department hereby finds compelling evidence of assessment errors and concludes that sufficient cause exists to justify further investigation into the reassessment of real property in Pike County, Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Department that there is sufficient cause to believe it necessary to reassess real property in Pike County, Indiana for the March 1, 2006, assessment date in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a public hearing on this Resolution and the reassessment of Pike County, Indiana for the March 1, 2006, assessment date shall be held at the Pike County Courthouse in compliance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-9. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Department of Local Government of the State of Indiana on this the 23rd day of August, 2007.

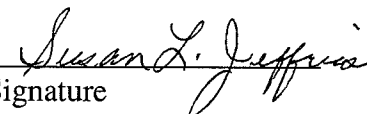

Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner
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County of Marion)

Before me, a Notary Public for Marion County, Indiana, personally appeared the foregoing signatories, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Resolution and stated that any representations contained therein are true.

Witness by hand and Notarial Seal this 23rd day of August, 2007.


Signature

SUSAN L. JEFFRIES
Printed Name

I am a resident of JOHNSON County, IN.

My commission expires: 7-7-08.